

to which party he belongs and which party's candidate he intends to vote for at the State, City or County election, and every qualified person offering to vote in the several Counties in the State at a primary election shall be permitted to vote in the primary election of that party to which he belongs and which party candidate he intends to vote for at the State or County election and in Baltimore City and in the Counties. After the next general registration in the Counties, every qualified person offering to vote at a primary election shall be permitted to vote in the primary election of that party only with which he shall appear upon the books of registration to be affiliated. The respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections in the several Counties are hereby authorized and required, immediately upon the passage of this Act, to have prepared new books of registry for use in all of the districts or precincts of the said several Counties for the transcribing of the names of the qualified voters residing therein from the registration books in use. The said transcribing shall be done in the offices of the Boards of Supervisors of Elections by four (4) clerks to be selected, two by the Supervisors representing the majority party and two by the Supervisors representing the minority party as the said parties are now constituted in this State, except Baltimore County, where said transcribing shall be done in the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections by twelve (12) clerks, to be selected, six by the Supervisors representing the majority party and six by the Supervisors representing the minority party, as the said parties are now constituted in this State. The transcribing shall be done by the said clerks and the new books, after being transcribed, shall correspond in all respects, and if they do not correspond at the conclusion of the work, or if any error in transcribing be alleged to exist, either or any one of said clerks or any citizen or voter in any one of said Counties may file a petition in the Circuit Court within ten days after said work is finished, naming said clerks and the Board of Supervisors of Elections as defendants, and the said Court shall have the power to make such order for the correction of said books as may be proper. The cost of such preparation of proper registry books shall be paid by the County Commissioners of the County in which such sub-division shall be made, upon proper requisitions and vouchers presented by the Boards of Supervisors of Election. Any political party that polled more than one per cent. of the votes cast at the last election may, through its political committee, if it has one, or by citizens representing said party, if there be no political committee, name a watcher and substitute watcher who shall be permitted to attend at the transcribing of said names and have power to examine the said books during the sittings of said clerks for the said work and for a period of five days thereafter in the presence of said Board of Supervisors. In the books of registry so provided for to be used in transcribing said registered voters in each and every County of the State, subsequent to the passage of this Act, there shall be provided a distinct column headed "Party Affiliations," and the Board of Registers shall enter in this column the name of the political party, if any, to which the voter is inclined and with which the voter desires to have himself recorded as affiliated. It shall be the duty of the Board of Registry to explain to each voter that the statement of such party affiliation does not bind him to vote for the candidate of such party at any given election; also that he has the right to decline to state any party affiliations; but that no one who is not recorded upon the registry as affiliated with a particular political party will be qualified to vote at subsequent primary elections of said political party. Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliations,